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POLICING & POLICY

Cambridge, Massachusetts Police Department Formalizes Social Justice Approach To Policing With New Division.

Boston (11/5, Dwyer) reports that the Cambridge, Massachusetts Police Department "established a new division in July, bringing its family justice, social justice, and clinical support units under one umbrella, with the goal of formalizing its approach to serving and protecting vulnerable populations. 'It's a pretty wide scale approach in terms of our support services,' department spokesman Jeremy Warnick said of the recently established Family and Social Justice Section." Boston adds, "As part of the reorganization, the department brought in Dr. James Barrett to serve as the director of the Clinical Support Unit, which was created in July within the section. Previously the psychologist served as the director of school-based programs at the Cambridge Health Alliance, where he worked alongside the Safety Net Collaborative, the police department's juvenile diversion program. 'The Family and Social Justice Section really represents the next step in the evolution of what Cambridge police has been working on for about 10 years now,' Barrett said."

UK Police Rush To Set Up No-Deal Brexit "Safety Net Unit."

The Guardian (UK) (11/5) reports, "A 'no deal safety net unit' is being rushed through by Scotland Yard at a cost of more than £2.4m after police chiefs warned the home secretary that losing EU tools would make it harder to track sex offenders and terrorist suspects, according to internal police documents." According to the Guardian, "The initial cost to the taxpayer was subsequently inflated by £250,000 to allow the new unit to rent an office near parliament after the Metropolitan police said it did not have the space given the large size of the team," and "discussions are ongoing about the extent of the running costs to the taxpayer should the UK crash out in March." The Guardian adds, "The development comes as the British negotiating team and the European commission's taskforce, led by Michel Barnier, prepare to enter a secretive phase known as the 'tunnel' this week, amid warnings that the competing red lines remain incompatible in key areas." EU officials "have told the Guardian that the chances of such a breakthrough stand at '50/50' with serious differences remaining over how to avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland in all circumstances."

London Mayor Defends Violent Crime Strategy After London Stabbings.

The Guardian (UK) (11/5) reports, "Efforts to reduce violent crimes such as stabbings by treating them in part as a public health issue could take up to a decade to bring proper results, London's mayor has said, following the deaths of three young people in the capital since Thursday." Mayor Sadiq Khan, "who is facing pressure following an increase in such crimes this year, said the police response also played a role, and that the rise in murders should also be seen in the context of cuts to policing and public services." The Home Office minister Victoria Atkins "denied that police cuts could be blamed, saying a government study had found no apparent connection between police numbers and earlier rises in violent crime." The Guardian adds, "Speaking to BBC Radio 4's Today programme after three males between the ages of 15 and 22 died in stabbing incidents on Thursday, Friday and Sunday, Khan said London had since 2016 followed the example of Glasgow, which saw a significant drop in violent crime after establishing a violence reduction unit to treat the problem in a holistic way," but "he said the effects would not be immediate."

The Telegraph (UK) (11/5, Scott) reports, "Traditionally, London has a far higher rate of knife crime than in other parts

of the country and the same is true of the latest figures." The Guardian adds, "Glasgow in particular, could hold the answer for England and Wales when it comes to tackling knife crime," as "the approach taken in Scotland is a multi-organisation one – across the health and education sectors as well as law enforcement – and attempted to view violent crime through more of a cultural lens." Scottish courts "also impose tougher sentences when it comes to knife possession."

Supreme Court Declines To Hear Case Challenging California's Gun Restrictions.

Reuters (11/5) reports, the US Supreme Court "for a second straight year refused on Monday to hear a challenge to California's limits on carrying handguns in public, dealing another setback to gun rights proponents." The article notes that this decision "underscored" the court's "continued reluctance to step into a national debate over gun control roiled by a series of mass shootings." The California law being challenged "generally bars people from carrying firearms outside the home but local sheriffs can issue permits to carry a concealed gun in public places if applicants show 'good cause.'" Reuters reports that this was the court's first action on a gun rights case since Justice Brett Kavanaugh joined last month.

CRIME & DRUGS

Jury Selection Begins For "El Chapo" Trial.

Newsweek (11/5, Moritz-Rabson) reports jury selection began Monday for the federal trial of alleged drug kingpin Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, who is "accused of smuggling more than 200 tons" of cocaine into the US. The New York Times (11/5, Feuer) reports "potential jurors seemed to evince little fear" on Monday as they faced the prospect of sitting in judgment of Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, who is "said to be the most notorious criminal of the 21st century." Reuters (11/5, Pierson) reports 17 potential "El Chapo" trial jurors were rejected on Monday.

Every Lead "Exhausted" In Missing Wisconsin Teen Case.

The New York Times (11/5, Nir, Gruber) examines the case of Wisconsin couple James and Denise Closs, who "were found shot to death" in the early morning hours of Oct. 15, and whose 13-year-old daughter Jayme "has been missing ever since." The Times reports that "more than 2,100 tips have turned up nothing." An Amber Alert "was issued for Jayme, and in the weeks that have followed, her name has shot to the top of the F.B.I.'s missing persons list." The agency "has expanded its search nationwide, classifying her as 'missing and endangered.'" She is "not a suspect in the case, according to the sheriff." Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald of Barron County said, "We have exhausted every lead. There is no stone that has been unturned."

Meanwhile, The Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent (11/5) runs a piece titled, "Jayme Closs And Cora Jones Went Missing 24 Years Apart. But Their Cases Share Tragic Similarities."

FBI Investigating Kidnapping Case Of 13-Year-Old North Carolina Girl.

The Durham (NC) Herald Sun (11/5) reports 13-year-old Hania Noelia Aguilar "was kidnapped Monday morning while waiting for a ride to school in Lumberton, North Carolina, according to police." A man "with a bandana covering his face forced...Aguilar into a SUV and drove off a little before 7 a.m. from the Rosewood mobile home park in Lumberton, police say." State officials "issued an Amber Alert for the teen." Authorities "described her as Hispanic, about 5 feet tall and weighing 126 pounds with black hair and brown eyes." Lumberton Police Chief Michael McNeill "said in a news conference midday Monday" that "the car was stolen from the scene and belonged to one of the Aguilar's relatives." The FBI "is helping in the investigation...WMBF reports." The vehicle "is a Green 2002 Ford Expedition with South Carolina license tag number NWS-984, according to the Amber Alert."

WBTV-TV Charlotte, NC (11/5, Watson) reports that "according to a press release, investigators with the Lumberton Police Department, Robeson County Sheriff's Office, FBI agents, and SBI agents are following nearly 50 leads." The AP (11/5), the Fayetteville (NC) Observer (11/5), Robesonian (NC) (11/5) and WRAL-TV Raleigh, NC (11/5) report similarly.

"Operation Grand Canyon" In Idaho Nets 11 Arrests On Suspicion Of Child Sex Crimes.

The Idaho Statesman (11/5) reports, "Law enforcement across the Treasure Valley worked together over the weekend to arrest 11 people in connection to attempted child sex crimes." Agencies conducted the project, "titled Operation Grand Canyon, on Friday, Saturday and early Sunday." The FBI was involved in the investigation. KTVB-TV Boise, ID (11/5) reports similarly.

More Than 100 Arrested Last Month In Prostitution, Human Trafficking Bust In Texas.

KHOU-TV Houston (11/6) reports, "Montgomery County Sheriff's deputies made a large human trafficking and prostitution bust last month, netting more than 100 arrests. From Oct. 15 to Oct. 30, detectives arrested 75 johns, 11 pimps and 28 prostitutes." They also "rescued five victims, including a 16-year-old runaway." Suspects "face a variety of charges, including prostitution, aggravated promotion of prostitution, possession of a controlled substance, weapons and narcotics." MCSO "worked with numerous other agencies during 'Operation Cross Country,' including the Houston Police Department, Harris

County Sheriff's Office, FBI and Conroe Police Department." The Houston Chronicle (11/5) also reports.

New York Sheriff Announces Two Arrests In Double Homicide Last Month.

The Syracuse (NY) Post-Standard (11/5) reports Charlene Childers and Timothy Dean, "the ex-girlfriend of a Sodus homicide victim and her husband," have been charged "in connection with last month's double homicide, Wayne County Sheriff Barry Virts announced at a news conference Monday night." Childers, 25, and Dean, 32, of Sunray, Texas, "are accused of conspiring to kill Joshua Niles, 28, and Amber Washburn, 24, in Sodus, the sheriff said." Niles and Washburn "were shot and killed Oct. 22 in the driveway of their home at 29 Carlton St. in Sodus." Wayne County sheriff's investigators "worked with the FBI, Texas Rangers and other agencies during the investigation."

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Lansing, Illinois Police Training To Address PTSD, Suicide Concerns Among Officers.

The Daily Southtown (IL) (11/5, Vickroy) reports, "Robert Fox still has nightmares. The retired Stickney and Berwyn police detective said cases involving infant murders, child sex assaults and the accident in which he watched a child burn in a car created so much Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that he still has panic attacks and anxiety issues." According to the Southtown, "Though the Berwyn Police Department was supportive and helpful, he said, the cumulative PTSD finally caused him to take duty related disability." Fox "founded Operation Shattered Stars, a nonprofit aimed at educating and supporting members of law enforcement about the importance of being proactive with their mental health. It has held workshops on mental health awareness for cops across the state," and the Lansing Police Department "will host a training session Thursday and Friday."

TECHNOLOGY

Canadian Officer: Drug-Impaired Driving Tests "Not There Yet."

CBC (CAN) (11/5, Malik) reports, "Weeks into national cannabis legalization, a top RCMP officer says the tests being used to detect whether someone is driving high are 'not there yet,' though they're the best they've got." According to CBC, "In an exclusive interview with The Fifth Estate, Chief Supt. Dennis Daley admitted that, although parts of the current assessment are based on science, the tests themselves will be always be subjective. 'It's important for Canadians to realize that we don't have a tool right now, a similar on the alcohol side, a machine that will actually print out something that says 'you are this, you are that.' We do not have that,' says Daley. 'As the science improves, the technology no doubt will follow.'" CBC adds, "Starting at midnight on Oct. 17 law enforcement agencies across the country ramped up efforts to nab cannabis-impaired drivers and began handing out hefty fines for violations of the Cannabis Act. Roadside sobriety tests," and "in order to assess whether or not drivers are high, police officers are relying on standard field sobriety tests and their own trained Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)."

Chinese Authorities Using "Gait Recognition" Technology To Identify People By How They Walk.

The AP (11/5, Kang) reports, "Chinese authorities have begun deploying a new surveillance tool: 'gait recognition' software that uses people's body shapes and how they walk to identify them, even when their faces are hidden from cameras." According to the AP, "Already used by police on the streets of Beijing and Shanghai, 'gait recognition' is part of a push across China to develop artificial-intelligence and data-driven surveillance that is raising concern about how far the technology will go." The AP adds, "Huang Yongzhen, the CEO of Watrix, said that its system can identify people from up to 50 meters (165 feet) away, even with their back turned or face covered. This can fill a gap in facial recognition, which needs close-up, high-resolution images of a person's face to work. 'You don't need people's cooperation for us to be able to recognize their identity,' Huang said in an interview in his Beijing office. 'Gait analysis can't be fooled by simply limping, walking with splayed feet or hunching over, because we're analyzing all the features of an entire body.'"

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